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FOR WALENTYNOWICZ FROM DEVLIN

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SUBJECT: EA CONSULAR CONFERENCE

REF: TELEX FROM BLEVINS (VO), DATED SEPTEMBER 22, 1975

1. TELEX FROM BLEVINS (VO) HAS INDICATED THAT DUE TO SHORTAGE OF FUNDS COST OF OFFICE SPACE AND COFFEE BREAKS WILL NOT BE COVERED BY SCA. POST HAS BEEN ASKED TO ABSORB FUNDS FOR COFFEE BREAKS

WHICH WILL RUN TO APPROX. \$300 FOR CONFERENCE PERIOD. COVERAGE OF SUCH COSTS FOR ALL CONFERENCES HELD DURING PERIOD OF YEAR IN HONG KONG

WOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLE EFFECT ON POST BUDGET THEREFORE POST HAS FOLLOWED POLICY OF NOT ABSORBING SUCH COSTS.

2. CONFERENCE POSSIBLE CAN DO WITHOUT OFFICE SPACE HOWEVER I STRONGLY URGE YOU AUTHORIZE USE OF SCA FUNDS TO COVER COSTS OF COFFEE BREAKS WHICH ARE TRADITIONAL PART OF ANY CONFERENCE. CONFERENCE MEETING ROOM WILL BE LOCATED ON 22 OR 27 FLOOR HILTON AND I THINK YOU WILL AGREE THAT FOR PARTICIPANTS TO COME DOWN TO GRILL ON LOWER LEVEL OF HOTEL FOR COFFEE WILL ONLY TEND TO DISRUPT THE CONDUCT OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE HILTON IS DONATING THE CONFERENCE SPACE WHICH IS ONE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SUITES NORMALLY PRICED AT \$135 PERDAY. THEY ARE ALSO GIVING ALL CONFEREES LOWEST HOTEL RATE FOR UPGRADED ACCOMMODATIONS.

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